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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6249-8]

### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared December 20, 1999 through December 23, 1999 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 9, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65337-ID Rating LO, Salmon River Canyon Project, Implementation, Nez Perce, Payette, Bitterroot and Salmon-Challis National Forests, Idaho County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA Region 10 used a screening tool to conduct a limited review of this action. Based upon this screen, EPA does not foresee having any environmental objections to the proposed project. Therefore, EPA will not be conducting a detailed review.

ERP No. D-BIA-A65165-00 Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Navajo Ten Year Forest Management Plan Alternatives, Implementation and Funding, AZ and NM.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding water quality and protected beneficial uses. EPA asked that potential impacts associated with new road construction and use of pesticides and herbicides be addressed in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-COE-C35013-00 Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Port of New York and New Jersey Dredged Material Management Plan, Implementation Channel Depths and Deepen, NY and NJ.

*Summary:* EPA raised concerns with specific management options discussed in the PEIS, and requested that additional information be included in the final PEIS, Dredged Material Management Plan, and technical appendices.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40154-TX Rating EC2, Loop 1 Extension Project, From Farm-to-Market (FM-734 (Palmer Lander) to TX-45 Highway, Funding, Travis and Williamson Counties, TX.

*Summary:* EPA identified several environmental concerns and need for additional information which include the inclusion of an Edwards Aquifer water pollution abatement plan and additional documented coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer. EPA requested that mitigation measure be incorporated into the final EIS and Record of Decision.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40155-TX Rating LO, TX-45 Highway Project, Extending from Anderson Mill Road (FM Road 2769) to Farm-to-Market Road 685 east of IH-35), Funding, Williamson and Travis Counties, TX.

*Summary:* EPA has no objection to the preferred alternative.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-L65311-ID North Fork St. Joe River Project, Implementation, Idaho Panhandles National Forest, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

*Summary:* The Final EIS adequately disclosed the environmental concerns with the project and responded to EPA's comments.

ERP No. F-BIA-J65298-MT Flathead Indian Reservation Forest Management Plan, Implementation, Rocky Mountain, Pablo, MT.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concern that little information was provided on the proposed monitoring programs to assure that ecological goals and objectives are attained.

ERP No. F-FHW-L40193-ID Sandpoint North and South (NH-IR-F-CM-5116(68) Projects, Construction, US 95 (Milepost 466.8 to Milepost 4786), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Sandpoint, Bonner County, ID.

*Summary:* EPA had no objection to the proposed action but request that the ROD include a discussion of the methodology used to determine that information in the final EIS is current and viable and that FHWA ensure that project implementation does not worsen water quality.

ERP No. F-FTA-L40205-00 South/North Corridor Project, Improvements to the Existing Urban Transportation, Funding, Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties, OR and Clark County, WA.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-USN-E11045-NC Introduction of the V-22 "Osprey" a new Type of Tiltrotor Aircraft, Replacement or Renovation of the

facilities used to house Aircraft, Full Basing at MCAS Cherry Point and/or Partial Basing at both MCAS New River and Cherry Point, COE Section 404 Permit, NC.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have no significant objections to the Marine Corps' proposal to replace it CH-46 helicopters to the new Tiltrotor, V-22 Osprey.

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

**RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:** Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa).

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed December 27, 1999 through December 30, 1999 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990496, DRAFT EIS, FAA, MN

Flying Cloud Airport Expansion, Extension of the Runways 9R/27L and 9L/27R, Long-Term Comprehensive Development, City of Eden Prairie, Hennepin County, MN, Due: February 21, 2000, Contact: Glen Orcutt (612) 713-4354.

EIS No. 990497, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, FHW, VA, DC, MD, Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvements, Updated Information concerning the Changes and Discusses in differences between Alternative 4A of the September 1997 FEIS and Current Design Alternative 4A, I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway), Telegraph Road to MD-210, Funding, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and CGD Bridge Permit Issuance, City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, VA; Prince George's County, MD and DC, Due: February 25, 2000, Contact: John Gerner (703) 519-9800.

EIS No. 990498, DRAFT EIS, SFW, CA, High Desert Power Project, Construction and Operation, A Combined-Cycle Natural Gas-Fueled Electrical Generation Power Plant, Approval of Incidental Taking Authorization under Sections 7 and 10 of the Federal ESA, San Bernardino County, CA, Due: February 21, 2000, Contact: Ben Harrison (503) 231-2068.

EIS No. 990499, Final EIS, FHW, AR, MO, US-71. Transportation